

Foreign Visa Information

Visa requirements for Official and Diplomatic passport holders are different than the requirements for tourist passport holders. Each country has different visa requirements and foreign visa requirements can and do change often. For information on foreign visa requirements and application procedures for official travel, please visit [SIA's Visa website](#).

(Note: At Foreign Service posts abroad, the Management Section obtains visas for official travel.)

Visas for Same-Sex Domestic Partners (SSDPs): Sponsors of SSDPs must first consult with the appropriate Regional Executive Bureau and/or Post Management Officer before requesting the Special Issuance Agency to request diplomatic visas from the host country embassy, following [10 STATE 97089](#) guidance. If the host country government does not recognize the relationship and will not issue a diplomatic visa for the domestic partner, the Special Issuance Agency can only facilitate a request for a possible alternate visa. Any fees associated with obtaining non-official or diplomatic visas must be borne by the applicant. For reimbursement information, see [Federal Travel Regulations §301-12.1](#) and [14 FAM 562](#).